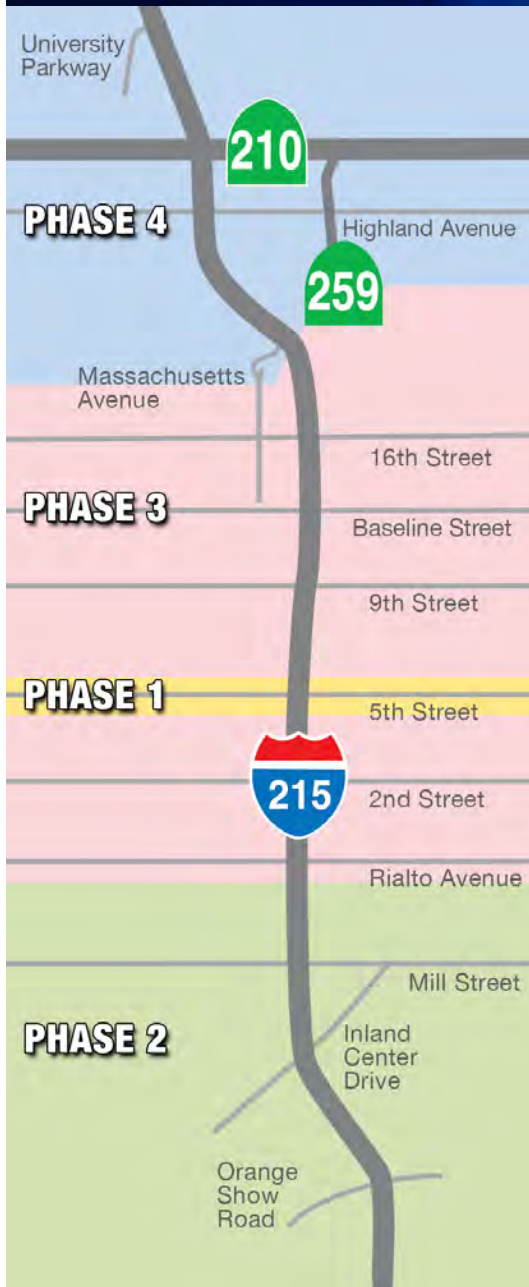




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Southbound 5th Street Off-Ramp Taking Shape

For almost a year, construction crews have been hard at work building the new southbound I-215 5th Street off-ramp. During the past few months, the off-ramp leading up to the 5th Street bridge has taken dramatic shape.

At the end of March, the ramp deck was poured and the curing period began. Throughout April, work will continue on building the approach, pouring concrete, and allowing the structure to cure. Despite record rainfall received so far this rainy season, crews continue to forge ahead and the ramp is anticipated to open in May 2011 – a little less than a year since the old configuration of the southbound I-215 5th Street off-ramp was permanently closed.

Once the southbound I-215 5th Street off-ramp is opened, it will mark a key project milestone that provides commuters and area residents with another route option to get to Downtown San Bernardino. Furthermore, it will provide direct access to the west side of the city via 5th Street, which has not happened since I-215 first opened in 1959.



Crews pour concrete for the southbound I-215 ramp deck that connects to the 5th Street bridge.



View from the 5th Street bridge looking toward construction activity leading up to the southbound I-215 5th Street off-ramp.

Long Term and Permanent Closures



As construction continues on I-215, please note the following closures:

Northbound I-215 10th Street On-Ramp – Closed permanently on Feb. 3, 2011 as new northbound I-215 5th Street on-ramp opened on Feb. 3, 2011.

Northbound I-215 5th Street Off-Ramp – Closed permanently on Oct. 10, 2010. New northbound off-ramp directly on to 5th Street bridge expected to open early 2012.

Southbound I-215 5th Street Off-Ramp – Closed June 21, 2010. New southbound off-ramp directly on to the 5th Street bridge expected to open in spring 2011.

4th Street On-Ramps – Eliminated and will be replaced with ramps directly on the 5th Street bridge.

Southbound I-215 Baseline Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed until new ramps are opened in Fall 2013.

Northbound I-215 Highland Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed

permanently and reconfigured with access to Highland Avenue via a collector road.

Northbound I-215 Highland Avenue On-Ramp – Closed long-term while crews construct the collector road.

27th Street/Mt. Vernon Avenue Southbound I-215 On-Ramp and Northbound I-215 Off-Ramp – Closed April 2, 2010 for two years. To open when new bridge is complete.

Current Night Work On SR-259 Comes To A Close, Crews Prepare For Upcoming Lane Shift

For the past month and a half, construction work has closed the northbound SR-259 connector at night. The closures, which take place Sunday to Thursday from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., will end in mid April 2011.

The nighttime closures have allowed crews to safely build a new retaining wall just north of the 16th Street bridge. Once this current work is completed, traffic will be switched to the far right to allow the median area to be closed for the next phase of work in this area. This will include the building of columns for the final configuration of the connector between northbound I-215 and northbound SR-259.

In the coming weeks, the public outreach team for the project will be working to inform the public about the traffic switch configuration that will begin further south of the current northbound I-215/SR-259 split.

SANBAG appreciates your patience during construction and would like to remind motorists to slow down through the very active work zone for your safety and that of the workers. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the I-215 Widening Project Helpline at (877) 215-NEWS (6397).

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I-215/SR-210 Connector Taking Shape

During the month of March, construction crews made significant progress pouring concrete along the north/west I-215/SR-210 connector. Concrete pouring will continue in April as well as work on the approaches at both ends of the connector.

South of the I-215/SR-210 connectors, crews continue bridge and approach work on 27th Street and Highland Avenue. Falsework was also completed on the new Massachusetts Avenue bridge.



View of the I-215/SR-210 north/west connector from the new 27th Street bridge.



View of SR-210/I-215 east/south connector from the new 27th Street bridge.

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The I-215 Widening Project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

Project Questions?

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